

# SAFETY ALERT



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SUBJECT: All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Accident with Injuries -- Safety Alert 07-03

1. A Soldier was recently involved in an ATV accident while taking a test ride. The Soldier was receiving riding instructions by another Soldier. The Soldier rode through a mud hole, lost control of the ATV, and ran into a tree. The Soldier sustained injuries to her face. The Soldier was not wearing an approved helmet and had not taken an approved ATV rider safety course.

**2. What were the mistakes?**

- a. Operating an ATV without completing the required rider safety course.
- b. Not wearing approved personal protective equipment.
- c. Overestimating riding skills.

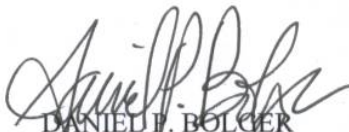
**3. Lessons Learned:**

a. All Soldiers who operate an ATV are required to attend the All Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ASI) certified ATV rider safety course prior to riding an ATV. Only certified instructors should conduct rider safety training.

b. When operating an ATV, all Soldiers are required to wear the following: an approved helmet, impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet, leather boots or over the ankle shoes; long-sleeved shirt and pants, full-fingered gloves, and a brightly colored upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during darkness.

4. Leaders must ensure that Soldiers understand and comply with all requirements for ATVs. Leaders must stress that these requirements pertain to Soldiers operating or riding ATVs on or off post.

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